



## Governor's Fire Service Policy Council

1:00 p.m. • Thursday, July 23, 2020  
Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal  
Virtual

**Call to Order:** Chair Hallman called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

### Roll Call:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Les Hallman, President        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Carriger, OFVA                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariana Ruiz-Temple, OSFM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Kreutzer, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Bolen, OFMA                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph Siebert, OSFFC     |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Walker, Exec. Director    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dana Selover, Ex-Officio            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Jantzi, SDAO        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terri Davie, Ex-Officio       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris McLaran, Insurance            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rep. Neron, Public Member |

Others in Attendance: Claire McGrew, OSFM; Jason Jantzi, SDAO; Michael Heffner, OSFM; Pablo Nieves, Rep. Neron's Office  
Staff: Valerie Abrahamson

### Meeting Minutes

- Motion for approval was made by Mark Kreutzer to approve the January 23, 2020 meeting minutes and seconded by Chief Ruiz-Temple. Motion passed unanimously.

### Executive Director's Report

- Chief Walker shared that OSFM is preparing for COVID-19 during this fire season. A COVID-19 Task Force has been established. A COVID response IMT was set up at Oregon State Police to control impacts on the agency.
- Chief Walker shared that OSFM IMT teams were sent to King County, WA, Oregon Health Authority, and Office of Emergency Management to help support COVID response. All three teams have returned to their home agencies.
- OSFM is working with the NWCC and WA state in preparation for fire season.
- Chief Walker shared the OSFM is working on the 21-23 budget and preparing for any potential cuts and funding appropriation.
- The Fire Prevention Campaign is up and running and working hard on prevention efforts.
- The Oregon Fire Code Advisory Board has been formed and the board held their first meeting yesterday. Very impressed with the group serving on the board and looking forward to the work they will accomplish.

### ASSOCIATION REPORTS

#### *OFDDA Report – Mark Kreutzer*

- Mark shared that he is proud to announce the release of leadership training, in cooperation with SDAO, for OFDDA's board of directors similar to what is offered by the OFCA. Attendees will receive accreditation for attending classes.

- Mark shared that the OFDDA conference is still scheduled for the end of October and the organization will evaluate three weeks prior to the conference if it needs to be cancelled or rescheduled.

***OVFA Report—Chief Carriger***

- Chief Carriger shared that the OVFA conference has been cancelled. The group is starting to plan next year’s conference.

***OFMA Report—Jason Bolen***

- Chief Bolen shared that OFMA has three new board members: Scott Goff, Lora Ratcliff, and Sean Olsen.
- Jason shared that the Technical Education Conference scheduled for November 3-4 has been cancelled; unfortunately, due to the uncertainty with COVID-19. Jason shared the OFMA is looking forward to the Annual Business Meeting in June.

***OSFFC Report—Joe Siebert***

- Joe shared that this will be his last meeting with the council and Karl Koenig will be stepping up to take over the OSFFC council seat.
- Joe shared that the OSFFC is working with the Management-Labor Advisory Committee (MLAC) for COVID presumption for first responders and essential workers.

***SDAO- Jason Jantzi***

- Jason shared that the SDAO is also watching the MLAC discussion.
- Stood up a variety of districts from across the state (about 25) to work with Oregon OSHA Infectious Disease Committee to assist in the development of infectious disease rules to deal with COVID and future diseases.
- Jason shared that the Safety and Security grant is open. There will be a focus and priority on COVID related items.
- The SDAO is discussing whether to hold the February SDAO conference or not.

***OFCA Report—Chief Hallman***

- Chief Hallman shared that the OFCA conference, after being rescheduled for July, has been cancelled.
- Because of conference cancellations and a lack of opportunity to elect a new board, the OFCA turned to its bylaws. Without a vote, the current board president, Chief Charlton, will serve another year.
- Chief Hallman shared the OFCA is busy supporting the OSFM and the COVID Response Team.

**MEMBER REPORTS**

***OSFM Report—Chief Ruiz-Temple***

- Chief Ruiz-Temple shared that this is her last meeting with the council. Chief Heffner, with the OSFM, will take over her council seat. She thanked Chief Hallman for his leadership and the work of the council.
- Chief Ruiz-Temple shared that OSFM is spearheading and focusing on Community Risk Reduction and how it looks at risk in communities. She noted that OSFM is using data and analytics to drive programs.
- Chief Ruiz-Temple noted that the Listening and Understanding Tour identified capacity issues in the Oregon Fire Service. This tour helped drive conversations in the Governor’s Wildfire Council.
- Chief Ruiz-Temple provided an update on the 2020 fire season noting that the first large wildfire occurred yesterday in Oregon. Lots of work on COVID-19 mitigation and planning has been done for fire camps in collaboration with ODF and the OHA. New positions are being added to the IMTs dedicated to COVID-19 response and mitigation.

### ***Property & Casualty Insurance—Chris McLaran***

- Chris shared that his office has enjoyed a smooth transition with working remotely.
- He shared that he anticipates moved legislative bills to pop up next legislative session. Keeping an eye on what is being discussed in the interim and during special session as well.

### ***Public Member—Representative Neron***

- Rep. Neron shared she is thankful to work with the council and such a high caliber of people. She noted her interest came out of the work done following the Villebois Fire by the Tall Building High-Density Task Force. She shared that she appreciated the work done on safety measures. She noted she was happy to be a part of that team.
- Rep. Neron shared the legislature is working on COVID-19 items right now. She noted that short session in February ended abruptly. She also noted that state budget work will occur during a special session in early August.

### **Ex-Officio Reports**

#### ***Oregon State Police—Deputy Superintendent Davie***

- Deputy Davie thanked Chief Walker and the OSFM for its staff and response to COVID-19 in and outside the agency.
- Deputy Davie shared that OSP is working with legislators and the Governor's Office on police accountability bills. Davie noted that the OSFM is under the police umbrella and looped in as well.

#### ***DPSST Report—Director Eriks Gabliks***

##### DPSST COVID-19 Impacts

- Suspended all training on March 17, 2020 and restarted on May 11, 2020
- Training delivery changes
- Classes on and off-campus restarted
- Campus closed to outside agencies
- Assistance to OEM (four dozen employees tasked) awaiting reimbursement

##### 2020 Oregon Wildfire Seasons

- Oregon National Guard Wildfire Training – 425 Citizen-Soldiers/Citizen-Airmen Trained last week

##### DPSST

- Police Accountability and training discussions – various external reviews. This is not having any impact on fire programs at DPSST

##### BPSST Leadership Changes as of July 1, 2020

- New Board Chair Darren Bucich – Fire Chief McKenzie Fire & Rescue

##### DPSST Budget

- 2019-2021 Biennium
  - Preparing for reductions in current biennium
- 2021-2023
  - Current Service Level budget submitted

##### Oregon OSHA

- Frontier/Exterior Only Firefighter – Proposed standard in draft format delayed due to COVID-19
  - For fire agencies that **do not** have ability to enter a IDLH environment due to budget, equipment, staffing and training

##### National Fire Academy

- Emmetsburg classes suspended until October 2, 2020 at earliest
- Regional classes being offered on a case by case basis – 2 Oregon classes scheduled postponed
- Various on-line training opportunities being offered

##### FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants

- Assistance to Firefighters (AFG-S) – COVID-19 Supplemental Awards – One million to date for Oregon fire agencies no match
- Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) – Scored virtually and awaiting release of awards
- SAFER – Scored virtually and awaiting release of awards
- Fire Prevention & Safety – Scored virtually and awaiting release of awards
- Research & Development – Scored virtually and awaiting Technical Panel Review Committee scoring

***Oregon Health Authority—Dr. Dana Selover***

- Dr. Selover shared that OHA is busy working on COVID-19 items.
- EMS is sending out weekly email to share rules and guidance for care.
- Dr. Selover shared that OHA is looking at moving licensing to loosen rules to have people when needed during disaster.
- Working on Ambulance Remount rules.
- Working on getting EMS crisis care guidance and standards out. Close to approval. When approved, these will be available on OHA’s website and through email.
- A lot of field work has been paused due to COVID-19. Working towards remote survey beginning in 2021.
- Dr. Selover shared that the trauma conference was held virtually. The conference had attendees from around the world and was a great success.
- OHA is working on its budget. There is still a lot of unknowns for this biennium and the next.
- Dr. Selover shared there were 39 applications for a grant for IPADS for rural fire and EMS for mandatory reporting. ODOT provided funding enough for 24 IPADS. Will work to get these distributed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***OSFM Governance***

- Chief Hallman discussed HB 4041 and the legislative efforts to move the OSFM out from OSP during the 2019 legislative session. He noted that Rep. Evans felt the OEM and OSFM should be standalone.
- Chief Hallman shared that the OSFM has been operating under the Oregon State Police for 27 years for budgetary reasons and the move was never meant to take away OSFM authorities.
- Chief Hallman shared the OSFM has clear statutory authority and the fire service does not want to see it diminished.
- Chief Hallman shared the Governor’s Fire Policy Council can assist by putting together a task force with all the represented associations to decide what is best for the Oregon Fire Service. This group would have discussions with the OSFM and the OSP to talk about the governance and see if there is a better platform for the OSFM to work under.
- Chief Hallman asked for support for the formation of a task force and asked each member if they felt they were the best representative to serve.
- Members unanimously supported.
- Chief Hallman will email participants, noting this effort will need to move quickly.

**Good of the Order**

- Director Gabliks shared that DPSST will host the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in September. This event will be closed to the public and leave a limited footprint.
- Chief Ruiz-Temple introduced Chief Heffner to the council. Chief Heffner will replace Chief Ruiz-Temple on the council.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 2:22 p.m.